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Don't miss the action at July 16 Family Picnic

Can over 37,000 Grummanites and their families be wrong. Not likely, and that's how many people enjoyed last summer's annual picnic at Calverton. Since 1946, the annual Grumman Family Picnic has grown into an overwhelmingly popular family event.

This year's picnic, to take place on Saturday, July 16, is expected to continue the tradition of a day filled with sunshine, entertainment, food and friends. The picnic grounds, over 12 acres in size, will be filled with people of all ages, out for a good time.

Don't forget, however, that tickets must be bought in advance at any Employee Services (ES) office; no tickets will be available at the gate. That leaves you only five days more to purchase your tickets, which are still priced at only $3.00 per person. Children under 12 are admitted free. All Grumman employees and their families living under the same roof are invited, and single employees may bring a date.

Rides, games, hot dogs, soda, ice cream and beer will be in abundance as always. ES director Charles Fuschillo has planned added attractions. The Minute Men Drum Corps of Long Island will add music to the day, as will the Grumman Employee Band.

Hundreds of people are involved in the preparation of the picnic, which this year will celebrate aviation's 50 years on Long Island. The opening is at 8 a.m., but the flag-raising ceremony at 10 a.m. marks the picnic's official start.

After that, the day really takes off. By 10:30 a.m., the Grumman Athletic Association (GAA) will be starting the sports events for all ages. These will include such favorites as the potato sack, three-leg, wheelbarrow and relay races. The

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people

Thirty Grumman engineers have received their masters' degrees in computer science from the State University at Stony Brook. The degrees were awarded at a breakfast recently held in their honor in the dining room in Plant 5.

By a special arrangement between Grumman and the State University at Stony Brook, all courses were taught in Plant 39. The graduate students used the same text books and fulfilled the same requirements as on-campus students. A remote job-entry terminal in Plant 35 gave the Grumman students access to a computer on the Stony Brook campus.

At the breakfast last month, the graduates heard brief talks from Larry Mead, Senior Vice President-Departmental Operations, and Gus Lanzo of Career Education and Development.

The group was the second graduating class from the Grumman program, and the last class planned at this time.

The June graduates are: William Abramson, Fortunata Altmayer, Henry Baluta, Clement Burghard, Edward Bumby, Ting-Shui Chow, Adelchi Cordani, John Dong, Cynthia Ferrone, Fred Figler, Ray Grizzle, Jr., Jerry Guarracino, James Hart, George Keirnan, Joseph Kmiecik, William Lavick, Joseph Lebel, Arthur Levine, Louis Marinelli, William McAllister, Morton Mondschein, Thomas O'Hara, Aaron Rabinowitz, Silvia Raudvere, Fred Romeo, Joseph Scinta, Carl Schoendorfer, Carolyn Spier, George Trebing, and James Wernert.

June grads. *Grumman Houston Corporation (GHC), a subsidiary of Grumman Aerospace, recently graduated its first class in Supervisory Development. On hand at the commencement exercises were: (L to R) General Manager Dave Lang, Dorothy Hunter, Mel Callins, Betty Callins, Robert Sheppard, Regina Ford, GHC President Jack Buxton, Fran Dorrian, Audrey Uptegrove, Winnie Troxlar, Diane Scott, Walley Grindrod, Carthol Greenwade, Larry Langan, and instructor Ed Denzler.*

It's an honor

Six children of Grummanites working in Iran were recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at the Toufanian School in Isfahan.

The new members selected for their scholarship, service, citizenship, leadership, and character are:

Phil Casagrande; Tracey Ferguson; Jill Makemson; Lisa Oelcher; Melanie Parker; and Lawrence Romano.

Volunteers needed

The Brookhaven Town Department of Emergency Preparedness, Auxiliary Police, is looking for citizens interested in their community.

The Auxiliary Police force consists of volunteers who are residents of the Town of Brookhaven, between the ages of 21-50 (or 18 to 21 for the cadet program), able to donate at least 16 hours a month for auxiliary duties.

If you have an interest in this community assistance program and wish additional information on the duties, responsibilities, etc., call 475-4440, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Smooth sailing

Jerry Tell planned a boat trip to Bermuda but he didn't need a travel agent — he's used his own.

On Friday, July 1, the Plant 31 programming engineer set sail from Huntington Harbor, joined three other boats on Long Island Sound, and headed for Bermuda.

Jerry sailed his four-year-old, 30-foot Pearson, named the "D Xer" (ham radio language for an operator who's always trying to get in touch with faraway places). His wife Joan and another couple crewed.

Generally, boats sailing for Bermuda are at least 35 feet, Jerry said, but though his craft is only 30 feet in length, he feels 20 years of experience and having made the sail in 1975 will be a great help.

He relies on "shooting the sun" to check compass readings and stay on course. For extra help there's also his radio. . .and though it went out of commission after the first two days on his '75 run, he's hoping for better service this trip.

Fickle feline. *Jerry Tell's mascot Jonah won't be with him on this trip to Bermuda. She abandoned him for a larger yacht.*

Jerry says the Pearson is a great boat and a pleasure to sail. "The boat is very well balanced and you don't have to fight the wind."

Food is no problem either. An ice box will take care of everything for the week. Besides, they'll also fish. On the last trip, the crew ate freshly caught tuna.

Jerry's sailing for Bermuda again because "it's an exciting trip and there's great fishing. Also, it's very satisfying finding that little dot of land 640 miles out in the Atlantic."

calendar

Folk-Dancers Club (Calverton): every Tues. and Thurs. cha-cha and hustle lessons, every Wed. ballroom dancing, lunchtime, receiving area, Pl. 6; all welcome. V. McGoey, x(117)6770.

Grumman Cycle Touring Club: 2nd Mon. of every month, Pl. 28 auditorium, 5 p.m. G. Hilton, x8053.

Grumman Dance Club: by phone registration only; every Thurs., 5-7 p.m., Pl. 28 auditorium; July 14 hustle lessons, July 21 social dancing. M. Brown, x(115) 3777.

Grumman Family Campers: July 15-17, Highland Orchard Travel Park, N. Stonington, Conn.; campout, by reservation only. G. Wiesinger, x2758.

Grumman Model Railroad Society: every Wed., 5:30-9:30 p.m., Model RR Bldg. (at Pl. 3 rr crossing); regular meeting; guests welcome. R. Muntz, x8101.

Grumman Ski Club: 2nd Mon. of every month, 8:30 p.m., Checkmate Lounge; guests welcome. A. Garmendia, x3759.

Grumman Tennis Club: 1st Mon. of every month, 5 p.m., Pl. 28 auditorium. W. Wilson x7819.

Grumman Toastmasters Club: June 29, July 13/27, Pl. 25 conference room; public speaking, participation and evaluation; GAC and assoc. gov't. personnel. H. Blumenthal, x2706.

Karate Club: every Tues. and Thurs., 5:30-7:00 p.m., Pl. 35 cafe; building character thru physical exercise and self-defense; GAC employees and families welcome. H. Dreksler, x8812.

The National Secretaries Association (Intl.): Thurs., July 14, 6:30 p.m., 925-A Broad Ave., Riverhead; local, metropolitan; social/educational program; picnic meeting; all welcome. E.M. Gaias, x(117)7397.

Select Kruse for new post

Edward Kruse has been appointed Assistant Treasurer of Grumman Aerospace. In this newly created position, Kruse reports to Carl Paladino, Vice President and Treasurer.

Kruse started at Grumman in 1959 as an accountant in materials

Ed Kruse

accounting and then went to cost analysis. He was named director of Accounting in 1973, a position he held until his recent appointment.

Kruse is located in Plant 30, Ext. 3364.

Ready to go. *At Calverton, Lt. Cdr. Jim Berry (L), director of Flight Acceptance for the U.S. Navy at Calverton, hands over EA-6B mod aircraft log books to Lt. Larry Mayse (C) and AE-1 John May. Shortly afterwards, the two airmen from squadron ERF-31 took off for NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. (Photo by Karl Thoma)*

Deliver first EA-6B mod

Grummanites on the EA-6B modification program are setting a pace that's tough to beat.

The first of 21 Prowlers to be updated to the latest ICAP (Improved Capability) configuration was delivered to the Navy on June 24 — right on schedule. And the July aircraft followed a few days later — ahead of schedule.

Grumman Aerospace began last autumn the task of modifying the first 21 EA-6Bs built by Grumman. It is not only the first major milestone modification program for the Prowlers in the fleet; it is also the company's first Navy contract to perform SDLM (Standard Depot Level Maintenance).

Need top notch crew for Iranian assignment

Although over 300 Grummanites are currently in Iran supporting F-14 operations at Khatami Air Base in Isfahan, it was not until last week that additional personnel left this country for assignment in Iran's biggest city, Tehran, which is some 350 miles of Isfahan.

They will perform engine-related modifications to the early F-14s delivered to Iran. The same type of work is already in progress by other Grummanites at Calverton, Pt. Mugu, and Miramar and by Navy personnel at other sites.

Prior to the F-14 mod team's departure, Grumman Aerospace Chairman and President George Skurla emphasized the importance of off-site work. "The Grumman tradition is not only manufacturing top quality products, it is equally important to help our customers get the maximum performance from our aircraft, by bringing airplanes in the field up to the same configuration as the latest models coming off the production lines.

"While our off-site operations are small relative to our production facilities, they are vital to the company's future and must be staffed with top quality personnel."

Stressing the importance of the company's Iranian Operations, Skurla said he will be visiting with Grummanites there shortly.

Bill Lamberta, manager of the mod program, stated that the team is comprised of 90 people who will be modifying 20 Tomcats at Mehrabad International Airport in Tehran.

"It is going to be a very busy and typical Grumman operation," said Lamberta, "on a tight schedule will be a small group working."

"Personnally, I am also looking forward to getting acquainted with the historic country of Iran, and Tehran, a cosmopolitan city with a population of approximately four-million.

"We plan to complete the majority of the work in about nine months," said Ted Moorman, F-14 program manager for Iran, "and are planning to use two teams. Each team will work in Iran for approximately four months. We expect some people to volunteer to stay longer."

Moorman says, "The response for team No. 1 was good, and now we are looking for members for team No. 2."

The second team will consist of the following: flight line electrician, electrical installer, plane captain, engine mechanic (build-up and installation), flight control rigger, structural assembler, hydraulic technician, ECS/ordnance technician, ground support equipment (GSE) repair technician, weapon system technician, final assembly inspectors.

If you are interested in any of these short-term assignments, contact: Bethpage — Walt Baldwin, Ext. 2138; Calverton — Chuck Kroupa, Ext. 6558; Great River — Ken Walch, Ext. 7980; Point Mugu — Phil Tartas, Ext. 6451; or Stuart — Frank Walton, Ext. 342.

Consolidate Plants 56, 58 by first quarter of 1978

By the first quarter of 1978, Grumman Aerospace's Sterling, Virginia, and Glen Arm, Maryland, facilities will be consolidated.

The consolidation will result in the closing of Plant 58, near Dulles Airport, and the expansion of Plant 56, near Baltimore.

According to Vince Ciampa, deputy director of Machining Operations, both facilities machine parts primarily for the F-14 Tomcat and were projected to operate at one-half capacity in the foreseeable future. Consolidation, says Ciampa, is the most cost effective solution to a reduction in production at the two plants.

Operations at the Sterling facility will be phased out by the first quarter of 1978.

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Turn off B-1 production

On June 30, President Jimmy Carter announced that he was opposed to the production of the B-1 strategic bomber. He stated that the United States would depend on existing weapons systems and the cruise missile to perform the B-1 mission.

Following the President's TV message, Grumman Aerospace Chairman and President George Skurla commented on the decision to turn-off B-1 production:

"Naturally, we're disappointed by the President's decision to turn-off the B-1 production. In total, the B-1 contract could have meant about $140-million in subcontract sales to Grumman over eight years with about 400 people working on the program, most of them at our Milledgeville, Georgia, facility.

"We are doubly disappointed by the decision because as a major subcontractor to Rockwell International on the project, it would have provided us the opportunity to demonstrate and expand our expertise in manufacturing large aircraft structures from advanced composites — materials that will be used more and more in future planned tactical aircraft such as the Navy's V/STOL and the Air Force's advanced tactical fighter for the late eighties and nineties."

Offer retiree counseling

Grummanites who are planning to retire this November or December are invited to special retiree counseling seminars in July.

Because of the expected large turn-out, two sessions are planned. Employees with their last names beginning with the letters A through K are invited to attend the July 18 meeting. Those with last names L through Z may attend the July 25 meeting.

Both sessions will be held in the Plant 30 cafeteria at 7 p.m. and are open to all November-December retirees and their spouses.

The following topics will be discussed: moving and re-location, pensions, Grumman Investment Plan, and GAA Retirees Club. In addition, representatives from the Legal and Medical departments will be on hand to discuss matters in their respective fields.

For more information, call Tom Conley, Personnel Relations, Ext. 3521.

'Upstairs, Downstairs' -- international market vehicle

Before the Paris Air Show, "Operation Upstairs/Downstairs" was just an unused, empty trailer taking up space in a Bethpage warehouse. By the end of May, however, a crew of technicians, carpenters, painters, and many other people with a variety of skills had transformed it into a unique, 12-seat theater that demonstrates the airborne early warning capabilities of the E-2C Hawkeye.

According to Bob Papaleo, E-2C Program Manager of Operations, the van was readied in record time and helped to make the E-2C the star of LeBourget.

Two E-2Cs made the trip to Paris. One was on static display; the other made daily demonstration flights and had two-way voice communication and an automatic data link with the van. During these demonstration flights, visitors inside the van were able to view an actual display of the airspace as seen by the airborne Hawkeye at that moment.

Since it would have been impossible to bring every potential customer onboard the E-2C itself, the van provided all visitors with the nearest thing to a first-hand experience.

Those visitors who missed the "live" performance were able to view a video tape playback of actual E-2C missions as recorded at the operator's console. The van also contains facilities for slide presentations, and projection equipment for a 25-minute film, "Sovereignty of the Skies," depicting E-2C flight operations.

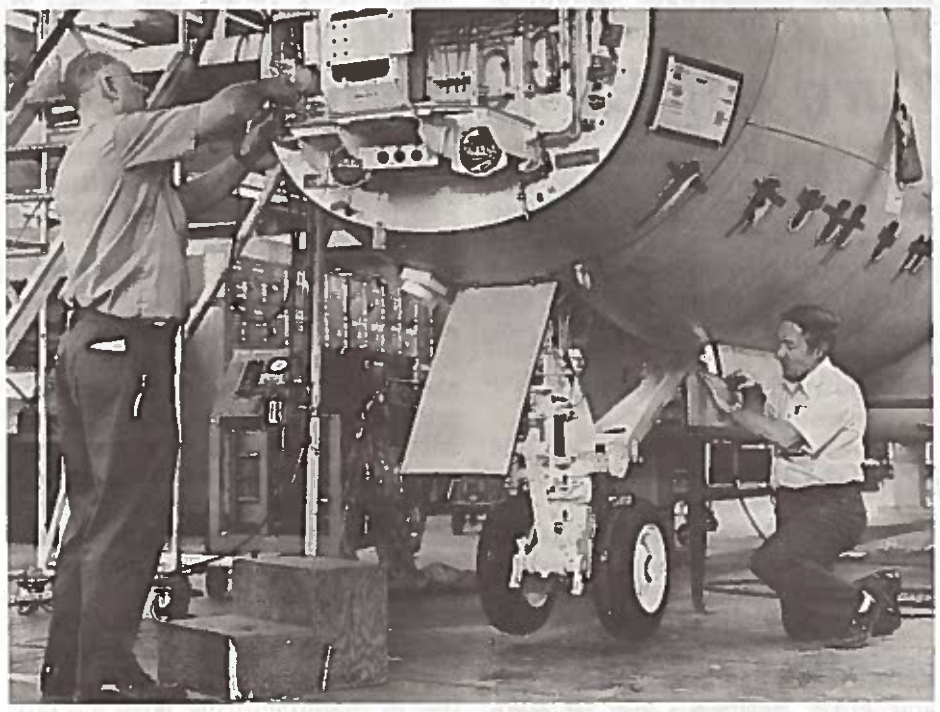
Operation Upstairs/Downstairs was first used early in May when a six-member team of the Japanese Air Self Defense Force visited Grumman to evaluate the E-2C. Jim McManus, E-2C/F-14 director of International Applications, reports that there was an enthusiastic response to the van, both by the Japanese team in Bethpage and by the visitors to LeBourget.

The van was transported to Paris, along with the "Spirit of St. Louis," sistership and other Grumman exhibits, aboard an Air Force C-5.

The flight crew that took the E-2C's to Paris and made the demonstration flights was made up of Navy and Grumman personnel. They were: John Koszeghy, Paul Coco, Sal Vezzi, and Joe Ruggiano of Grumman; Lt. Cdr. "Mac" Johnston and ATC Charlie Otto of NPRO, Bethpage; Lt. Cdr. George Kickhofel, Lt Steve Wesselhoff, Lt. Rick Weidman, and Lt. (jg) Lou Taylor, all stationed in Norfolk, West Virginia.

The Grumman avionics crew who maintained the aircraft and the van in perfect working order were: Albert Wakshinsky, Martin Gack, Jim Cary, Joseph Sargent, Michael Hennessey, Bob Rathje, Gerard Dorsey, John Morgan, and Kevin Burns.

Kudos. *At the Paris Air Show, Grumman Aerospace Chairman and President George Skurla (2nd L) thanks four Grummanites for their support of the E-2C effort at LeBourget: (L-R) plane captain Joe Ruggiano, avionics technicians Bob Rathje and Jim Cary, and plane captain Sal Vezzi.*



Beat the clock. *E-2C No. 41 is ahead of schedule. The first of four Hawkeyes scheduled for delivery to Israel gets finishing touches as it's readied for shipment from Plant 36 to Plant 4 for further work. The Hawkeye's avionic equipment is checked out by John Reilly (L) as leadman Larry Negretti installs the forward landing gear door. (Photo by Fred Annette)*

retirees

On behalf of their fellow workers, PLANE NEWS salutes the following men and women on their contributions to the company and wishes them well in their retirement. Those who retire in July are:

Royal E. Bishop (77), William S. Eluszkiewicz (77), Vincent Frins (77), Eric N. King (2), Kenneth B. Lilley (77), Drew H. McTurck (77), Charles H. Mahady (44), Murray Osmond (8), John J. Sweeney (6), Gil H. Menendez (80), Steve A. Bachmann Jr. (27), Fritz Bauer (5), George W. Blake Jr. (4), Anthony H. Candito (3), Nicholas H. Candito (3), John Colgan (1), William C. Martin (2), Robert F. Meehan (2), Raymond Rabell (2), James Skoch (27), Frank R. Salerno (2), Clifford S. Bramback (89), Gaetano DeJesu (36), Thomas F. Flynn Jr. (35), Alexander I. Robertson (1), Bernard Rydout (25), Ronald C. Smith (36), Robert O. Schafer (14), John H. Sparnicht (4), Norman A. Youngs (20), John H. Harrison Jr. (52), Francis R. Bennett (2), Richard N. Bennett (51), Stephen M. Gaydosh (27), Edward J. Spall (88), William D. Tuttle (12), Richard J. Welsch (35), Aurelio Giuliani (3), Alfred W. Stevens Jr. (2), Vincent Vashel (12), and Vladimir Zahorck (5).

Also, Clayton W. Allen (2), William H. Galbraith (25), James E. Halpin (17), Olive E. Linstead (35), Fred Skinner (30), Edward P. Whelan (3), Louis DeFranco (5), Benedetto J. Bruno (36), August Spadalik (36), Warren E. Shields (25), Charles H. Harvey (77), George P. Massey (36), Joseph Mullally (77), Edward F. Pohlig (15), James P. McCullagh (3), Edmond C. Rabut (5), George Streck (11), John T. Tucker (5), Walter A. Ahlstedt (1), John Verbsky (2), Joseph Baumann Jr. (5), Thomas W. Costello (66), Jack W. Ehlen (30), John E. Kasin Jr. (44), Franklin W. Otten (7), Edward Ryan (3), Elliott H. Seagraves (2), Robert A. Silz (27), John H. Harrison Jr. (52), Edward Cosbey Jr. (6), Victor A. Agnitti (27), Raymond Aliperti (2), Franklyn Baumann (7), Frank W. DeDe (2), Zachary Dmytrak (3), Albert J. Ficken (6), Rosemarie V. Gusette (4), Edward N. Hoogland (2), Andre Hubbard (28), Vincenzo Ippolito (31), William G. Kaufmann (2), Bernard Kolar (3), Eleanor Krapohl (3), Louis R. Laviano (1), John J. Logalbo (2), Ladislaus J. Malina (12), Frank J. Packy (25), William Page (6), Jerry J. Paradise (3), John F. Quinn (6).

And, Milton A. Radimer (2), Joseph Rey (3), Victor Robinson Jr. (2), Henry Rockhill (3), Francis Schlitz (43), Margaret Schlitz (30), John F. Schultz (18), Joseph W. Szymanski (5), Arthur V. Terry (2), Helen Usedalo (5), Vincent J. Bambola (44), Carl E. Boeckh (2), Salvatore D. Capece (15), Aloysius Cobis (30), Fred J. Deders (2), Dominick J. Esposito (43), Robert R. Emmerich (2), Lawrence F. Gitto (12), Charles J. Goss (2), Albert A. Hand Sr. (36), Albert W. Hynes (6), Lillian Ingarozza (17), Joseph P. Lennon (30), Charles T. Meilleur (30), Henry J. Mellor (6), Armando Nicoli (17), Gunnar F. Oksala (5), Harry Pattinian (3), Peter Pazusas (3), Vincent J. Pignataro (43), Evard Prescod (43), Fred C. Tonner (43), Dominick Torrusio (2), Francis Valentine (2), Bernard Williams (2), and George C. Williams (2).

Call Ext. 4400 for unit values

Monthly unit values of the Employee Investment Plan can now be obtained by calling Ext. 4400.

Callers will hear a recorded message that includes the latest monthly unit values of the Equity Fund and Fixed Income Fund, and the Grumman Common Stock value. In addition, the company's matching contribution to the Plan is also included for the present quarter.

what do you think?

Private citizens are not the only ones looking for extra income during these tight-dollar inflationary times; city and state governments are also seeking other sources of revenue. While higher taxes are the usual means of meeting the increased costs of government, they are not always welcomed by either officials or taxpayers. Legalized casino gambling has been proposed by some officials as a possible answer to the money squeeze. PLANE NEWS recently asked lunching Grummanites enjoying a "picnic-in-the-park" what they thought about such legalizing gambling. What do you think?

William Parker

The argument against legalized gambling is that it'll make it easy for people to lose their money. I think people like that will throw away their money one way or another. Legalized gambling will also protect the bettors. They'll have a safe place to enjoy themselves. I don't think it will bother young people, either. They know what's going on. If they're the type to get into trouble, they will.

Mike Giovannello

I don't believe in legislating people's morals and I think gambling falls under that heading. There's nothing wrong legally or morally with gambling, so I think legalized gambling is a great idea. Sure, weak people may lose their money gambling. But they can already throw it away now—at the track or buying clothing. Besides, gambling won't make them weak. They already are that way.

David Mendocha

There might be a benefit to it. But I have strong religious beliefs against it, so I don't get involved with gambling at all. There are good points to legalized gambling. For example, people will benefit by all the taxes collected from it. Maybe if they run it in special places, it'll be okay. Although, I don't know whether the extra cost of policing such an area might offset the expected gain.

Gail Hall

It'll benefit the economy not only through tax revenues but also because it will provide more jobs in the State. There might be other benefits too. They're thinking of using hydrofoils and mini-buses to help Atlantic City gambling. We're in that business, it might help us. Everybody's exposed to gambling in one way or another, so I don't think it's going to hurt anyone.

obituaries

JOSEPH FAMIGLIETTI of Maint-Rearrangement, Plant 12, died June 15 at the age of 57. He had worked for Grumman since 1965 and resided at 32 Ave. C, Holbrook.

DAVID J. MALONE of Chem. Mill, Plant 3, died June 15 at the age of 44. He had been with the company since 1951 and lived at 488 Hawkins Rd., Selden.

JOHN J. NARTOWICZ of Maint-Facl. Equip. and Gen., Plant 4, died June 22 at the age of 61. He worked for the company since 1966 and lived at Cedar Swamp Rd., Jericho.

Personals

I wish to thank my fellow workers and ES for their generosity and expressions of sympathy during the recent loss of my mother. Ellis Hyers

The family of Lou Mattaboni wishes to thank all the Grummanites for their prayers, concern, and gifts. It is heartwarming to know that so many care. Edith Mattaboni

Archie Hines

As long as the State operates it only in special places and controls the games, I think it's all right. Of course, the law should say how old a person must be to gamble. It'll be good to bring gambling out into the open. After all, many people enjoy it and anything that will help keep our taxes down is a great idea.

Jessie Williams

I don't know much about gambling but I've been lucky with lottery tickets. Making gambling legal would help with employment. We certainly need more jobs on Long Island. I'm usually lucky, so I like the idea of having places where a person can gamble legally.

It only takes a sliver to change your lifestyle

Don't anyone tell golfer Dick Walsh of Plant 44 at Great River to keep his eye on the ball.

Dick was playing with the Grumman league at the Colonie Hill course when someone yelled "fore" and a golf ball came screaming over the trees. It hit him in the eye with an impact that knocked him backwards to the ground.

Fortunately, Dick was wearing his safety glasses at the time. They were knocked off and twisted out of shape—but they prevented an injury that might well have cost Dick the vision in one eye.

Understandably, Dick lost the match that day. . .but he knows how lucky he was to get off with just a black eye and some swelling.

Thinking about the mishap still gets him a little bit nervous, although he can laugh about it now. "Whenever I hear someone yell, "fore" I have to suppress an urge to drop to the ground and cover my head with my arms," Dick says.

Lou Sclafani of Plant 43 is another Grummanite who owes a debt to his safety glasses.

Lou was operating a "B" nut machine, holding a part down on the bench, when a shaft flew up and bounced off his left eyeglass. "They didn't even break," Lou says. "There's just one scratch across the lens."

Safety glasses provide excellent eye protection because they are impact resistant. Even if they should break, they break into small, round-edged pieces or crumble into a powdery residue. Conventional lenses can break into ragged, razor-edged shards.

Hold career info seminars for senior college students

Career information seminars, sponsored by the Grumman Employment and Personnel Development departments, are being offered to summer employees who are entering their senior year of college this September.

Grumman's college recruitment program, resumé writing, interviewing techniques and a look at career opportunities today will be discussed. There will also be a question-and-answer session.

The seminar will be held nine times between July 18 and 27. Summer students entering their senior year will be notified regarding what date, time, and place they are invited to attend. The sessions will last approximately two hours. Students should arrange for their own transportation.

All those who have not been notified by July 12 are asked to contact Kathy Willsey, Ext. 6252, or Joelyn Iannone, Ext. 6147.

Beaming with pride. *Vice President Ed Dalva, director of Stuart Operations, recently presented members of the Wire Room awards for various levels in the Pride of Workmanship program at Plant 77. Present were: (L to R) Dan Strauss, Quality Control manager; Dalva; Foreman Bill Gruwell; Rap Stone; Mike Haas, Shirley Campbell; Harold Lacey; Amelia Fischer; Jim Houlik, Factory Ops director; Cynthia Delancy; Earle Gaines; Pat Stebbins; and Art Melrose, deputy director of Stuart Ops.*

Come join Grumman family at July 16 outing

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softball throw and egg throw will also be challenging to all those who care to participate. The recreational events are also fun to watch, so if you do not care to join in, get a close-in spot to observe the action.

At noon, there will be a five-act show, always a favorite with the children, that includes magicians, clowns and animal acts.

And, of course, there will be a drawing door prizes, starting about 2:30, that in past years has included such items as TV sets and large and small appliances. ES representatives will announce the lucky winners of over 100 prizes, so be sure to hold onto your ticket stubs.

Naturally, no picnic is complete without an assortment of rides. All the favorites from past years will be in operation once again, including the carousels, Tilt-a-World, boat rides, and the L.I.R.R. and Calverton Express mini-trains.

The picnic plans for your needs, but there are still some things you may want to bring for your own convenience. Tablecloths, cups, napkins, folding tables and chairs may enhance your comfort. Also, pitchers of ice coolers are handy as they make repeated trips to the refreshment stands unnecessary. Food will be plentiful, but if you wish to cook your own meals, feel free to bring along a grill and charcoal.

Be sure to pick up your tickets to this year's picnic. You are assured a day to remember for you and your family.

The Grumman Medical Department urges all those who plan to attend the annual family picnic to follow a few basic suggestions to help avoid accidents and potential health hazards. All fires should be put out completely, with water poured over the coals. Also, charcoal grills should be kept out of foot paths.

Parents are urged to keep close control over their children — overeating and drinking can result in upset stomachs.

By following these few suggestions, the Medical Department hopes that your day at the picnic will be both enjoyable and accident free.

How to get there

Directions to Calverton picnic grounds are as follows:

Take Long Island Expressway to exit 69, Wading River Rd., head north to route 25, turn right and follow the signs to the picnic grounds.

Just in case

If it should rain on July 16, the picnic will be rescheduled for Sunday, July 17.

If a postponement is necessary, it will be announced early Saturday morning over the following radio stations:

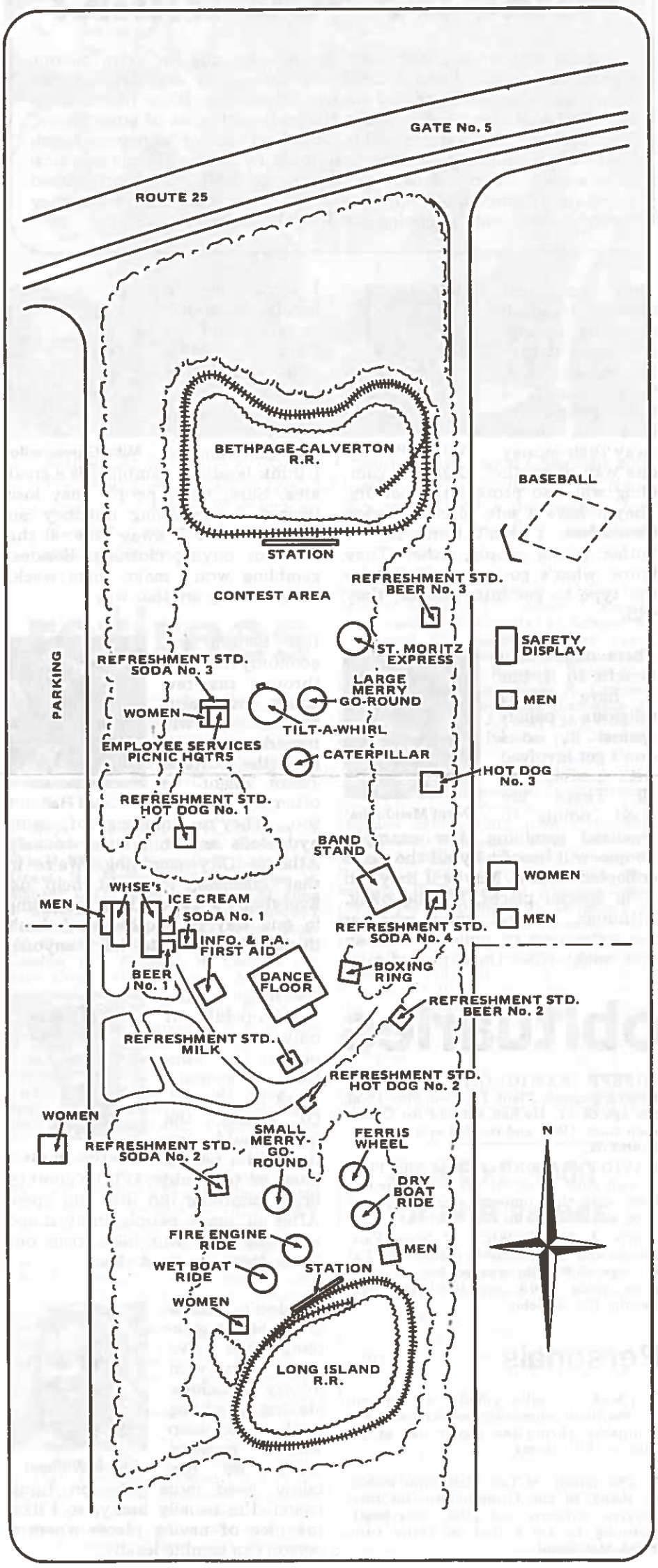
WBAB, Babylon (AM 1440, FM 102.3); WGBB, Freeport (AM 1240); WLIR, Garden City (FM 92.3); WHLI, Hempstead (AM 1100); WGSM, Huntington (AM 740); WLIX, Islip (AM 540); WALK, Patchogue (AM 1370, FM 97.5); WRIV, Riverhead (AM 1390); WLGN, Sag Harbor (AM 1600).

You can also find out about a postponement by calling LR5-5111 in the Bethpage area, or 369-2266 in the Calverton area.

Register now for boxing bouts

If you wish your youngster to step into the boxing ring at the Grumman Family Picnic, you must register your child before Friday, July 15.

Young fighters must be no older than 12. Only 35 bouts are slated, says Charlie Fuschillo, Employee Services (ES) director, and ES will match up competing boxers.



Picnic junior gloves

Registration

Entrant's name .....

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Entries are to be forwarded to John Koloski Plant 1 Employee Services Office

Arts festival. *The American School of Isfahan sponsored a Festival of Arts program recently and judging from the turnout it was a big success. The all-day event featured the sixth graders' rendition of 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown,' modern dances, gymnastic exhibitions, and the faculty choir's own version of West Side Story's 'America' — Isfahani style. In addition, several Grummanites' dependents exhibited their art and crafts.*

They're studying how to save lives

If you need a splint or a tourniquet, or if you choke on a pork chop, there are at least 26 Grummanites who'll be able to help you out and back up the efforts of the Medical department. They've just completed the Standard Multimedia First Aid Course given by the American National Red Cross.

The course was taken by all members of the Industrial Safety and Hygiene department. Industrial safety engineer Bob Mills comments, "Safety personnel are frequently called to the scene of an accident on or off the job. Their training in first aid can assist them in sustaining life in those few critical minutes before medical assistance arrives."

Ready for emergency. *Janice Launsbach learns how to apply a tourniquet during Red Cross safety course given in Plant 39. (Photo by Jim Wagner)*

The participants learned such essential first aid techniques as how to stop bleeding from a wound, remove a foreign object lodged in the windpipe, and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

"It's a terrific course," said Bob Pargman of Plant 2 Safety. "I'm really glad I took it. You never know when you'll come up against an emergency situation."

Galen Becker of Plant 6 Safety agrees. "I got a lot out of it. It's good, usable information."

Gregory Kash of Plant 2 Safety liked the multimedia approach. "Having the film and the handbooks along with the lecture and demonstrations was a very effective way to present the information."

Anyone interested in taking first aid training should contact their local chapter of the American National Red Cross.

Boyle's find Iran ideal for creative endeavors

"If someone were to ask me what Iran is like, I'd be inclined to say that you'd have to live here and experience it," says John Boyle, who has been in Isfahan, Iran since November 1975. He works in the Sub-Depot department, a new department in the supply system, preparing lists of equipment to be sent to Shiraz for the support of the F-14 program.

The last time John Boyle made the pages of PLANE NEWS was back in the 50's when he was a winner in a Grumman art competition. His interest in art has endured and was a consideration in the move to Iran.

"I love to paint, and I found myself in need of new subject matter," Boyle writes. "Reading all I could find about Iran convinced me that it would be an ideal place for an artist."

Boyle recently had an art exhibit at the Iran-American Society, entitled "Faces of the Middle East." His work was so well received that most paintings were sold before the show officially opened. Boyle plans to offer his latest portraits for sale 'n Tehran.

His wife Noma, whose interest is creative writing, is a contributor to *Tomcat's Tale*, the F-14A (Iran) Program Community Services Bulletin. In one of her articles for the newsletter, she describes having her hair colored in an Isfahan beauty salon. After selecting what she thought was a temporary blond rinse from the color chart, she wound up with a head full of very permanent bleach.

"Much sign language followed, with me trying to explain that the wrong thing was on my head, and the hairdresser expounding much Farsi with many 'Yes, madame, blonde' statements in between. I was attracting a great deal of attention with my persistent 'no's' and finally someone went to an adjoining office and brought back a Persian girl who spoke English. But she had difficulty with the word 'temporary' and asked me to write my problem out in English so that she could get her superior to explain it to her in Farsi; then she would relay it to the hairdresser.

"This was taking some time, and time is all it takes for bleach to make its inroads. My Persian friend quickly returned, but somehow the instructions produced a flood of argument on all sides. Suddenly they couldn't get me into the wash basin fast enough. I protested that they were taking the bleach off during the red stage and I did not want to be a redhead. Everyone was telling me, 'No, madame. . .khoob' (good), while I was replying 'zesht, zesht' (ugly, ugly) in true spoilsport fashion. Almost everyone was laughing—but I was not quite prepared to see the humor in it."

John and Noma Boyle are both trying to increase their knowledge of Farsi. After her ordeal in the beauty salon, Noma recalls that she apologized to her hairdresser and assured him that it was not his fault. "I am in his country, and although I am trying to learn Farsi, it is my fault that I am not far enough along to explain my needs to him," she writes.

John and Noma are due back in the states this November. That is, unless they sign for an extension—which comes to mind, reading Noma's lines about their feelings for Iran: "Iran, to my husband and me, is a place where creativity and inspiration are a daily occurrence, where I feel compelled to write and my husband to produce one beautiful painting after another. I came to Iran to put in my time here and endure whatever came along. I did not expect to dread leaving it. . .but I do."

Discount show tix

Discount tickets are now available in all Employee Services offices for the following shows:

Finian's Rainbow — Sunday through Thursday performances at the Jones Beach Theatre, $9 seats for $7.75; $8 for $7; $6 for $5.25. Make checks payable to: Jones Beach Theatre.

Neil Sedaka — Sunday, July 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Westbury Music Fair; $9.50 tickets for $7.75. Make check payable to: Westbury Music Fair.

Chicago — Thursday, July 21, orchestra seats for $10 each, make checks payable to Employee Services.

Your Arms Too Short to Box with God — Thursday, July 28, $10 seats in orchestra section, checks made out to Employee Services.

Paul Anka — Wednesday, July 20, Colonie Hill, 9 p.m., $10 seats for $8.50.

Sammy Davis Jr. — Thursday, August 11, $10 seats for $8.50, 9 p.m. show.

scorecard

Looking for a place to spend your Thanksgiving vacation? How about Acapulco? Rome?

GAA will be offering vacation packages to Rome, Italy, and to Acapulco, Mexico. More information on the Thanksgiving excursions will appear in the next issue of PLANE NEWS.

Encore

Jim Avino did it again.

While most golfers never card a hole-in-one in their lifetime, Jim has started a string of them.

This past May, he scored his first hole-in-one at the Rocky Point Country Club. This past month, he used a seven iron to loft the ball into the cup of the third hole at Golf and Tee in Huntington.

Fellow golfers are anxiously waiting for Jim to make it three-in-a-row this July.

Jim Avino

All-day golf event

There is a limited number of slots open in the 1977 annual GAA golf championship and kickers tournament. This year's event will take place on Thursday, August 4, at the Pine Hills Country Club, Manorville, says Mike Cherry, tourney director.

The $19 entry fee must accompany your reservation to guarantee a starting time. The cost of the outing includes greens' fee, cocktail hour with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, trophies, and kickers' prizes.

Locker facilities are available for $1 and golf carts can be reserved at the GAA office. The cost of the cart is $11.80 (total) for two players.

For more information, contact Cherry on Ext. 2133/2269.

Mixed Pinehurst

On June 22, a small army of 60 Grumman men and women golfers invaded Bethpage State Park for the first GAA mixed Pinehurst get-together of the season.

When the battle against lost balls, whiffs, and flubbed shots was over, Ken and Lyn Prager led the pack with a commendable 41 for nine holes on the yellow course.

With scores of 44, the Jim Alverson-Eileen Toomey and Don and Nikke Wright teams shared second-place honors. One stroke behind was the team of Pat Cherry and Fran McGunnigle.

The second of three Mixed Pinehursts scheduled for this season will be played July 27 on the Blue course at Bethpage. Tourney director Mike Cherry recommends players to sign up in foursomes — early. The field is limited to 60 golfers and because of the amount of interest in the outing, golfers must pay their entry fee to guarantee a starting time.

Entry fee of $6 per person includes greens fee and kickers prizes.

Sunshine golfers. *It was a tough battle for top honors in the Plant 77 winter golf league at Stuart, Florida. Jim Flowers (R) and Bob Grover captured the 1977 title, while Jerry Syler (L) and Paule Dale finished runners-up. Gary Marangio (not pictured) won most valuable player award.*

Proud cats. *League members for only six years, the Grumman Hellcats finished the season in first place for the fourth consecutive year in the L.I. Industrial Basketball League. Pictured are Mike Cherry of GAA at five o'clock and (clockwise) Eddie Krol; Lee Gendron, assistant coach; Tony Razziano; Gene Cromwell; Larry Bates; Nate Kelly; Larry Tarvin; Walter Gleich, coach; and manager Joe Walker in the middle. Not pictured are Rich Washington, Gary Flynn, Bob Beattie, Jim McKinstry, and Jim Cruthers. (Photo by Marie Trimborn)*

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